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Lutch-Russian Language Newspaper
Published in Salzburg Area

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Ref. No. S-14602 JJM/bb

REPORT OF FINDINGS

PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATION:

To determine the new editorial policy of the Russian language daily newspaper, Lutch (Beam), published in the Salzburg Area.

REFERENCES:

Verbal orders from the Commanding Officer, 430th
CIC Detachment, Sub-Detachment "A".

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

On 12 August 1952 this Agent interviewed Informant
3825-T and essentially the following information was ob-
tained:

Father Marcel van CUTSEN is the new editor of
the Russian language newspaper, Lutch. Van Outsen succeeded
Oleg ZINABEGAROV, the former editor, on approximately
3 August 1952. ZINABEGAROV is now en route to the United
States as an emigrant and personally chose van CUTSEN
as his successor.

Lutch is a daily Russian language digest of
German and English news items. The translations from
the German language are done by Slava PAVLICHEV, a
non-paid employee, and the translations from the English
language are done by van CUTSEN. (Agent's Note: Time,
the American weekly news magazine is one of van CUTSEN's
popular sources.) Two female employees (from PIRELEVSK YA,
resident at the Salzburg Home, Salzburg, a priest, and
a woman (NU), a cleaning woman, make up the present Lutch
staff. These employees are unpaid due to the financial
status of the newspaper which is in critical condition at the
present time. Van CUTSEN stated that he plans to shape

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the content of the newspaper into a pro-American, anti-Communist organ; however, favoring the Roman Catholic official viewpoint.

Since its inauguration in 1945 Lutch has had a declining circulation due to the continuing emigration of its successive editors and their staffs. Consequently, upon assuming the editorship, van CUTSEN found the circulation to be a total of 100 copies daily. Since being in office van CUTSEN has succeeded in increasing the paper from a one-page two-page daily edition to a four-page daily edition. The circulation of Lutch has been increased from 100 copies daily to 200 daily. Van CUTSEN stated that an average of six families read each copy of Lutch and he could sell more copies if the selling price (60 Schillings per copy) was less prohibitive. The price is unsatisfactory at this time because of the critical need of funds.

Van CUTSEN denied that Lutch was ever an organ of the NTS (Natsionalni Trudovoy Soyz - National Labor Union) but admitted that Vladimir KUNGURTSEV, an NTS leader now in Frankfurt, Germany, had been the Lutch editor, who preceded KIMANISCHWAKOW. He stated that KUNGURTSEV was editor of the paper for approximately one and one half years and had been extremely objective in his reporting and news analysis. Van CUTSEN stated it was KUNGURTSEV who recruited Henning BULTMANN, Schranngasse 4, Salzburg, in registering with the local authorities as nominal owner and publisher of Lutch, as Austrian law requires that only a native hold these offices. Van CUTSEN added that since registering, BULTMANN has been afraid to visit KIMANISCHWAKOW, who resides in Vienna. He has also been afraid of Soviet and Communist reprisals to her person.

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Van CUTSEN stated that one (Miss) (fnu) Morris, an employee of the NCWC (National Catholic Welfare Council) has been the sole supporter of Lutch since he assumed the editorship. She has done this by voluntary contributions to him directly; van CUTSEN did not think these contributions represented personal contributions but rather NCWC donations. On 11 August 1952 van CUTSEN was promised monetary aid for Lutch by the American Public Information Service, Vienna, Austria. (Agent's Note: A recent copy of Lutch, dated 10 August 1952, is attached to the original copy of this report as Exhibit "I". The original copy is attached to the file copy of this report as Exhibit "I".)

FILE CHECK:

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain the following information:

One Oleg ZINAMSGWAROW, born 29 September 1918 in Kharkov, Russia, possibly identical to the Oleg ZINAMSGWAROW mentioned in this report is listed as a visa applicant; no derogatory information was received regarding his case. He was also screened by CIC on 7 March 1950 for employment as a supply clerk for the USFA Engineers. *former editor of Russian language newspaper LUTCH*

One Vadim Alexeyevich KUNGURTSEV, born 18 November 1897 in Barnaul, Russia, possibly identical to the Vladimir KUNGURTSEV mentioned in this report, is listed as an operator of a way-station in Salzburg, Austria (1947); as an instructor at an elementary school at DP Camp Parsch, Salzburg, Austria, (1951); and as editor of the anti-Communist DP newspapers, Westnik and Lutch (1950).

Hennig BULTMANN, possibly identical to the Hennig BULTMANN mentioned in this report, listed as being 28 years of age (1951), is listed as working for another US Intelligence Agency.

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Father Marcel van CUTSEN is mentioned in numerous reports as an alleged Vatican Intelligence Agent.

One (Mrs) Minerva Meres, possibly identical to the Mrs. Meres mentioned in this report, is listed in the files of this Sub-Detachment as a deputy director of the National Catholic Welfare Council (NCWC), a voluntary agency accredited to USCOA.

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain numerous references to the publication Lutzh. It is variously described as an anti-Communist publication and as an organ of the NTS.

NTS (Natsionalni Trudovoy Soyuz-National Labor Union) is described as an ever-widening anti-Communist Group in Western Germany and Austria comprised of "Russian youths sharing common ideals".

The files of this Sub-Detachment contain no pertinent information concerning the other personalities listed in this report.

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